

## Letters

### The CIA's Place

*To the Editors:*

President Carter and certain Congressmen, obsessed by civil rights and aided by sensation-ridden media, have restricted the FBI and CIA [Feb. 6] so severely that these agencies are crippled in warning the U.S. of impending danger.

*Louis R. Delmonico  
Wichita, Kans.*

Your confessional on the damage done to the CIA and our intelligence community is several years late. Where was



this wisdom when the injuries were being inflicted?

*Frank Powell  
Florence, Ala.*

In the world of intelligence, it is whether you win or lose and not how you play the game that counts.

*Marie Sullivan  
Los Angeles*

Among agencies working to protect American lives and freedom, it seems that the CIA is the most vital.

*Helen Vitikas  
Youngstown, Ohio*

The old adage, "The difference between men and boys is the cost of their toys," applies more to your CIA cover story than anything I've seen or read in a long time.

*Robert M. Fineman  
Salt Lake City*

When an American agency uses the same tactics that you attribute to the KGB, it makes our protestations of freedom as empty as those of any dictatorship.

*Mark H. Kernes  
Philadelphia*

If the spy plane SR-71 with its filming equipment can cover more than 150 sq. mi. so precisely as to locate a mailbox

on a country road, I think the postal service should be given a chance to have a look or two.

*Tony Guerra  
Englewood, Ohio*